

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectively requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 2-18 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is now canceled. Claims 2, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are now in independent form. Claim 19 is amended to depend from allowable claim 2. New claim 20 highlights further patentable aspects of this invention. Support for this new claim is provided at least at application page 19, lines 31-36.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter, and a notice of allowance is respectively requested.

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